

Rotary Opens Opportunities



Rotary Club of Huntersville

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY KENT PIKE

Greetings fellow Rotarians, it's been another great weekend of Rotary Stewardship as many of us did some great work at Lydia's loft this weekend.

Don't forget another opportunity with the River Clean up coming up later this month, registration is on the club website.

This week we have two speakers so it will be a fast paced meeting, we will start promptly at 5:30.

Keep in mind we still need help with setup each week and tear down. I look forward to seeing you on Monday.

Program Monday May 3 – Dana Hicks, Franz Lorio Rotary River Sweep

In 2 weeks Rotarians and volunteers will be sweeping the north part of the Catawba River clean on Lake Wylie. Learn how to get involved.

Last Week's Program – Rick Zoerb Huntersville Police

Rick – our Honorary member – talked about a project where we could partner up with. There might be a District Grant opportunity to serve meals in the community. More details to follow.



We meet at:

Spare Time Bowling Alley
16317 Statesville Rd
Huntersville, NC 28078

Every Monday
from 5:30 till 6:30 PM

For info contact:
Ineke Wilson – 704-905-5002
Website: <https://huntersville-happy-hour-rotary.org/>

Upcoming programs, speakers and events:

- April 19 – Live at Spare Time Club Assembly
- April 24 – District Conference Virtual
- April 26 – Rick Zoerb
Huntersville Police
- May 3 – Franz Lorio, Dana Hicks
Rotary Riversweep
- May 10 – Laura Laurenz
Teamwork
- May 17 – Margi Kyle
6 Steps to Success
- May 24 – Helen Gardiner-Parks
Nutrition/Energy Healing
Board Meeting afterward
- May 31 – No Meeting
Memorial Day
- June 7 – Club Social
Beergarden
- June 14 –



Club Officers



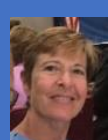
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Club Bulletin



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Club Happy Dollars



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Club Fundraising



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Club Fundraising



Bob Gors
Club Membership



Peter Capponi
Club Socials



Joyce Schiaffo
Club Socials



Walter Siegenthaler
Club Programs / Speakers

Community Service – Saturday May 1 at 9 am **Lydia's Loft**

Our club members John, Eileen, Tom, Joyce, Kent, Shari, Eric and Charlotte helped with sorting the clothes and spruce up the planting beds with pine straw.



Club Service contined



Eric Franzen
Club Website



Cheryl Holt
Club Raffle

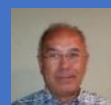


Eileen Solomon
Public Relations

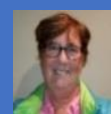
Community Service



Eric Franzen
Community - Hinds Feet Farm



Tom Schiaffo
Community Service



Joyce Schiaffo
Community Service



Kim Van Sickler
Community - Red Cross



Dana Hicks
Community – River Clean Up



Kitty Long
Community - Lydia's Loft



Rick Zoerb
Community-Huntersville Police

Vocational Service



Shari Garcia
Vocational Service Chair



Foundation Chair

Mark Kincer
Foundation Chair

Community Service – May 15 Rotary River Cleanup

Sign up: [Bit.ly/rotaryriver](https://bit.ly/rotaryriver)

Rotary Clubs are hosting a Rotary River Clean Up at the Lake Wylie River District. Sponsored by Tailrace Marina in Mt Holly. Proceeds support Catawba Riverkeepers and other local non-profits.

Saturday May 15 starting at 9 AM

Kayaks and lunch are provided for \$15

9:00 Sign in and get supplies.

9:45 Safety briefing and divide into work crews. Some crews may be shuttled to "hotspots" for focused attention and cleanup.

10:00-12:00 Catawba River / upper Lake Wylie and shoreline cleanup.

12-12:30 Return boats and equipment. Weigh collected trash from cleanup. Separate recyclables from trash and responsibly recycle.

12:30 Cookout for registered volunteers at Tailrace Marina grill & picnic area.

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Rotary  Club of
Charlotte Top-of-the-Week

Huntersville
**HAPPY
HOUR!**
Rotary Club



Club Service – Distinguished Rotarian Eric Franzen

We would like to Honor Eric Franzen as our Distinguished Rotarian. He has been the Backbone of our club this year, with the pandemic. He has kept us operating with technology and websites on fundraising and events. Without the IT support that he provided it would have been a challenge. In addition Eric stepped in and made our District Grant project at Hinds Feet Farm a success! This year Eric made an impact and we are truly grateful he chose to serve with our club!

International Service

 Cori Stuart
International Service Chair

 Ashley Cannon
International Service

 Shayna Inman
International Service

 Dana Hicks
International Service

Youth Service

 Erin Lyons
Huntersville Elementary

 John Beiler
High Schools – Interact

 Kevin Boyle
High Schools - Interact

 Lew Davis
Mallard Creek High School

Past Presidents

 Mark Kincer
2019-2020

 Mike Fitzgerald
2018-2019

 Walter Siegenthaler
2017-2018

 Debbie Jackson
2016-2017

 Michael Dane
2015-2016

 Ineke Wilson
2014-2015

 Huntersville Happy Hour
Chartered June 16, 2014

Club Service

Happy Birthday
May 15 – Kitty Long

Happy Anniversary
May 9 – Michael & Paula Dane
May 25 – Mark & Ann Kincer
May 28 – Dana & Caroline Hicks

Happy Anniversary
May 14 – Cheryl Holt – 3 years member

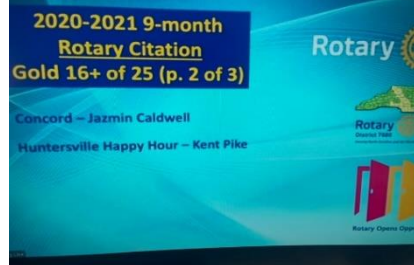


Happy Dollars



Club Service Award

Only 3 clubs in the district earned the Club Service Award. Thanks to our attendance, newspaper article, service projects, socials, vocational talks, public image and district attendance.



Foundation Giving
#2 in the district, so far!
Average of giving is \$312.50



Community Service - Hinds Feet Farm

We made the newspaper! Thanks to all Rotarians involved in this project!

Huntersville

Rotary project enhances Hinds' Feet Farm

HUNTSVILLE – A local civil club's community service project will enhance the opportunity for expanded activities and daily programs at a facility dedicated to helping adults cope with traumatic brain injuries.

After consulting with Hinds' Feet Farm Director Marty Foil about options for additional assets at the center off Black Farms Road, members of the Happy Hour Rotary Club of Huntersville set about the planning and fundraising to turn a vision into reality.

Through club events and a matching grant opportunity – and some hands-on teamwork by the local Rotarians – the club recently completed the installation of a brick paver patio space and several large planter boxes.

The patio space provides a level area for outdoor therapy sessions and the planter boxes will be used by Hinds' Feet Farm residents and members for container garden projects.

For the project, spearheaded by club member Eric Franzen, the local club raised \$8,000. Franzen has been selected to receive Distinguished Rotarian of the Year honors later this month. Hinds' Feet Farm is a 21-year-old facility that offers day and residential programs emphasizing a holistic and wellness approach to help people living with traumatic brain injuries.

The day programs, offered at the main campus in Huntersville and at a center in Asheville, focus on cognitive, emotional, physical, creative, social and pre-vocational activities. And the residential facilities at the Black Farms Road complex provide accommodations and programs for adults requiring varied degrees of daily living assistance.

Residential program members are encouraged to engage, interact and participate in the ongoing activities of the day programs as well.

Hinds' Feet Farm is always open for donations and volunteer assistance, and a current need is for volunteers to help with the center's therapeutic horseback riding program. The daytime program will begin in May and those interested in helping can email amewborn@hindsfeetfarm.org. For additional information and other ways to help or donate, visit hindsfeetfarm.org.



Courtesy Happy Hour Rotary Club

Youth Service – Seminar For Tomorrow's Leaders

Our club decided to sponsor 2 students for \$500 each to attend the Seminar For Tomorrow's Leaders. Kevin Boyle will be our liason.

International Service - Sponsorship

Our club decided to sponsor Shari Garcia again for \$1,500 to attend another semester as a student at CPCC studying International Business.